

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE - Indiana's largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year. Take a close up look at amazing animals! Join in woods walks! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information.

Open Tuesday through Sunday 8:30a.m. to 4p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Closed Mondays

Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

October 2009 Activities

Sunday, October 3rd

- 10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptors, Bald Eagle C52 and Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the viewing area of the Visitor Center.
- 10a.m. **Hoosier Quest** ~ Join in the fun for all ages. Learn more while exploring Indiana's public properties, state parks and reservoirs. Begin the adventure today! Earn patches, pins & prizes along the way! **vc**
- 10:30a.m. **Canoe/Kayak Adventure** ~ Bring your kayak or canoe (canoes available while supplies last) and meet the naturalist at the Little Patoka Boat Ramp for the last trip of 2009. You can also meet the naturalist at the Visitor Center at 9:30a.m. to car caravan to Little Patoka Boat Ramp. Enjoy the afternoon on the waters of Patoka as we check out a beautiful rock quarry and look for area wildlife.
- 11a.m. **Trees & Forests** ~ Learn interesting facts about the trees of southern Indiana, forest ecology and more as we enjoy the wonders of the woods. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Eagles at Patoka** ~ Where do eagles build their nests and what is their main food source? With a close-up look at Bald Eagle C52, let's explore the world of bald eagles. **vc**

Sunday, October 4th

- 10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptors, Bald Eagle C52 and Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the viewing area of the Visitor Center.
- 11a.m. **Red-tailed Hawk** ~ What are the special features used by this hawk to hunt? Why is she here at the Visitor Center? Discover these answers and more as we take a close-up look at this bird that is no longer able to fly. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Garden Rock Loop Hike** ~ Bring family, friends and comfortable walking shoes for this short ½ mile hike. We will take a look at wildlife and explore Patoka's past. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Birds the Word** ~ The world of birds is fascinating with the variety of species, food and habitat. Join in this look at the world of the winged wonders of Patoka. **vc**

Saturday, October 10th

- 10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptors, Bald Eagle C52 and Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the viewing area of the Visitor Center.
- 10a.m. **Hoosier Quest** ~ Join in the fun for all ages. Learn more while exploring Indiana's public properties, state parks and reservoirs. Begin the adventure today! Earn patches, pins & prizes along the way! **vc**
- 10a.m. **Patoka Tower Tour** ~ Enjoy a special presentation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Have your vehicles fueled, meet at the Patoka Lake Visitor Center at 9:30a.m. and carpool to the Corps of Engineers Interpretive Center and Dam. Hear about the construction of Patoka Reservoir in the 1970s. Enjoy the morning together as we take a close-up look at the engineering & operations of the Corps. Bring family and friends, preferred snacks and join in this fun, informative program.
- 11a.m. **Mammals of Patoka** ~ Enjoy a close-up look on the big screen at some of the common and uncommon mammals around Patoka Lake. What does an otter or skunk eat? Are there badgers living at the reservoir? Come and find out answers to these questions and more. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? What are the special features of today's guest? Come take a close-up look and learn about this exciting species. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Nature Flicks** ~ Enjoy the comforts of the Visitor Center indoors as we watch a nature video. Creature features and wild wonders are waiting for you. **vc**

Sunday, October 11th

- 10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptors, Bald Eagle C52 and Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the viewing area of the Visitor Center.
- 1p.m. **"Old Stuff" Music Concert** ~ The music group known as Old Stuff will play and sing old time and traditional music for your listening pleasure. With stories and humor, this trio shares their lifelong love of music and their collection of long forgotten songs. Enjoy this indoor concert in the comfort of the Visitor Center. **vc**





Patoka's Autumn Getaway

Friday, October 16th

7p.m. **Around the Campfire** ~ Join the naturalist as we tell stories and share sing-along songs at the modern campgrounds center shelterhouse. Fun and a surprise or two are sure to delight all ages! **ccs**

Saturday, October 17th - The Visitor Center will be CLOSED

All activities will take place at the Modern Campgrounds

9-11a.m. Bring your pumpkins and carving tools for decorating (paint and painting supplies provided). Enjoy activities and games including leaf prints, sidewalk chalk, face painting, corn cob toss, hoola hoop competition and more. Fun for all ages! Look for the tents in the modern campgrounds, section A. **tent**

12 NOON **Dutch Oven Registration** ~ For rules and more information, call the Visitor Center 812.685.2447 **tent**

12-4p.m. **Fire Safety** with guest fire fighter **Lynn Krodel** and a special guest! **tent**

12-3:30p.m. **Dutch Oven Cook-Off Competition**

2p.m. **Snakes of Indiana** ~ DNR O'Bannon Woods State Park Naturalists will share interesting facts & information regarding common and not so common snakes of our area. Take an up-close look at our LIVE guests! **ccs**

4p.m. **Taste of Patoka** ~ Enjoy the Dutch Oven dishes of all varieties from desserts to main dishes along with "Cast Iron Chili". A \$2 donation is requested to sample the creative dishes & cast your ballot for favored Dutch Oven Chef! Bring your soup bowl and preferred beverages for a fun gathering of food and friends. **tent**

5p.m. **PET PROMENADE** ~ Bring your pets to the Tent area in campgrounds, Section A for a fun pet parade. Furry friends of the four legged variety and other species will be featured. Special Grand Marshal! Costumes optional. Pets must be on a leash! **tent**

5:30p.m. **Campsite decorating** should be complete for the evening event and friendly competition.

5:30-7p.m. **Trick or Treat** ~ Campers 12 years of age and under are invited to "Trick or Treat" throughout the campgrounds.

7p.m. **Campers Choice Award** ~ Cast your vote for the best decorated campsite by returning the ballot you received at check-in to the modern campgrounds gatehouse by 7p.m. (One vote per campsite)

7:30p.m. **Autumn Music** ~ **Grand View Junction** music group will play bluegrass tunes for a toe-tappin' good time. Enjoy this southern Indiana group as they get lively on mandolin, guitar, fiddle and more! **ccs**

9p.m. **Winners** of the Campsite Decorating and Dutch Oven Cook-Off will be announced. **ccs**



Sunday, October 18th

10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptors, Bald Eagle C52 and Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the viewing area of the Visitor Center.

10a.m. **Nature Flicks** ~ Come and see what's showing today at the Visitor Center. **vc**

1p.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Join in a short walk as we share stories from Patoka's past. Discover the changes the local people faced and hear about the homes and buildings left standing around this 26,000 acre property. **vc**

2p.m. **Forest Frames** ~ Bring your family and friends to the Visitor Center and make a special fall craft. Supplies will be provided to make your own rustic stick picture frame. Bring a picture along to place in your finished frame (not required). **vc**

Saturday, October 24th

10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptor Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the viewing area of the Visitor Center.

10a.m. **Hoosier Quest** ~ Join in the fun for all ages. Learn more while exploring Indiana's public properties, state parks and reservoirs. Begin the adventure today! Earn patches, pins & prizes along the way! **vc**

11a.m. **Art in Nature** ~ Bring your family, friends and creativity. With a special live subject from the woods of Patoka, try your hand at drawing, using a variety of mediums including chalk, colored pencils and watercolors. **vc**

1p.m. **Turtle Talk** ~ Come and enjoy a close-up look at Patoka's resident box turtle. Enjoy the sight of a baby box turtle shell. Discover their habits and the laws protecting them. **vc**

Sunday, October 25th

10a.m. - 3p.m. **Resident raptor Red-tailed Hawk** will be out in the viewing area of the Visitor Center.

11a.m. **Red-tailed Hawk** ~ What are the special features used by this hawk to hunt? Why is she here at the Visitor Center? Discover these answers and more as we take a close-up look at this bird that is no longer able to fly. **vc**

1p.m. **Pinecone Bird Feeders** ~ Let's make an easy craft that is sure to attract birds to your backyard this fall! All supplies provided. **vc**

Saturday, October 31st

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2p.m. **Forest Flick** ~ Discover interesting facts about trees from around the world in this short nature video. **vc**

KEY for Program Locations:

vc - Visitor Center

tent - modern campgrounds tent

ccs - modern campgrounds center shelterhouse